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**DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**  
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**Statement**

**On the killing of Karen Petrosyan, an Armenian citizen in Azerbaijani Custody  
delivered by Permanent Delegation of Armenia at the 1017th Meeting of the  
OSCE Permanent Council**

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Mr. Chairman,

We would like once again to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the brutal torture and killing of the Armenian citizen Karen Petrosyan in Azerbaijan. All the facts concerning the detention of Mr. Karen Petrosyan and his consequent killing in the Azerbaijani custody were presented by the Note Verbale of the Armenian Delegation to the OSCE dated, August 15, 2014.

On September 16 the Permanent Delegation of Azerbaijan circulated a note verbale, which tried to explain, justify and even ironize the killing of the Armenian citizen. So called counter arguments of Azerbaijani side are so ill made and baseless that do not deserve to be addressed at all.

However, we would like to refer to the final part of the note verbale where Azerbaijani side tries to hold responsible the Armenian Armed Forces for dispatching to the military mission persons who cannot stand simple Azerbaijani interrogation. First, as we have clarified on number of occasions Mr. Karen Petrosyan has been a civilian, a peasant from adjacent Armenian village Chinari who was not in military service or mission. Second, this type of cynical and sarcastic remarks disclose real nature of those who humiliated, tortured and deprived of life a human being in the most unapologetic behaviour.

We would like to recall that Armenia urged to immediately start an independent investigation of the circumstances of the death of the Armenian civilian. Likewise, the foreign ministries of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chair countries made separate statements calling for full and transparent investigation.

We would also like to use this opportunity to reiterate our demand to return Karen Petrosyan's body to his family. Mr. Petrosyan's killing is just the last one in the row of torture and tragic deaths of the Armenian civilians in the Azerbaijani custody. In the recent years two other Armenian villagers, 20-year-old Manvel Saribekyan and

77-year-old Mamikon Khojoyan who accidentally crossed the border with Azerbaijan were publicly humiliated in front of cameras and tortured to death.

Thank You.